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Sir:

Applicant respectfully submits this Information Disclosure Statement prior to the first Office Action in the present application, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.97. Applicant is submitting herewith copies of the British Search Report in the priority application (GB9709075.7) and the International Search Report in the parent PCT application (PCT/GB98/01155), together with copies of the references cited in the reports as follows:

<u>PATENT NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>
DE 1927 904	Larsen
EP 0 472 265 A2	Pyorre
EP 0 510 751 A2	Szuba
GB 2 113 486 A	Yates
GB 2 212 995 A	Runyan
GB 2 274 359 A	Kijima
GB 2 299 469 A	Kijima
US 3 346 794	Stemmler
US 4 087 722	Hancock
US 4 464 606	Kane
US 5 367 223	Eccher
US 5 408 404	Mitchell
US 5 434 479	Ohnishi et al.
US 5 455 487	Mix et al.



A concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood, of any non-English language patent, publication, or other information listed, is provided by the attached copies of the Search Reports. Also included is an unofficial translation of the sole non-English language reference (DE 1,927,904), as it is presently understood by Applicant.

It is believed that no fee is due at this time to maintain this application in full force and effect, however, if any such fee is due, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 08-1254. If there is any matter which could be expedited by consultation with Applicant's attorney, such would be welcome. Applicant's attorney can normally be reached at the telephone number listed below.

Signed at Bellingham, County of Whatcom, State of Washington this 17th day of April 2001.

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